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Chapter **23**



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...IT WAS
ME.



I...
I'M A SENIOR
FROM HER
UNIVERSITY.



I don't like this
feeling at all...
but what can
I do?

They would've
had to meet
eventually...



How am I even
supposed to tell
her? "This is my
girlfriend"?

Of course not.
What would she
think? Would she
even accept us?
What if she
doesn't..?



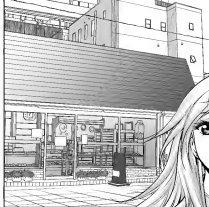
I doubt it'd be
easy for me to
introduce her as
my girlfriend to
other people in
any case..

I guess it really
is hard to just
straight up tell
someone..



SIGH...
WHAT A
HEADACHE.

I'D BETTER
CALL ICE.







COME NOW,
MY DEAR
BELOVED
SISTER.

BIG BRO MAX
NEEDS TO
WORK, TOO!
I GOT HERE AS
SOON AS
I COULD.



BUT
ABOUT US
MEETING...

I'M GUESSING
IT MUST BE
ABOUT THAT,
SO YOU
GOT IT?



...YEAH.



Aww yeah!!!
Congratulations
on getting the
scholarship!!
You're so smart.
lemme give you
a hug!!



!?



STOP
RIGHT
THERE.

OOOHH..
AL???



DON'T ACT
SMART
WITH ME.

WHAAAT?
YOU'RE SO
MEAN!

I JUST
WANTED TO
GIVE YOU A
CELEBRATORY
HUG!! YOU'RE
MY SISTER!

You can
celebrate
without
any hugs!



WELL, EITHER
WAY I'LL LET
MOM KNOW.

I'M SURE
SHE'LL BE
DELIGHTED TO
HEAR THE NEWS.
YOU FINALLY
DID IT, SIS.



YEAH...
THANKS.



AT LEAST MAKE
SURE TO VISIT
HER BEFORE
YOU GO,
THOUGH.

SHE KEEPS
TALKING ABOUT HOW
MUCH SHE MISSES
YOU, Y'KNOW... AND
YOU JUST KEEP
DISAPPEARING FOR
MONTHS ON END. YOU
WON'T GET WRITTEN
INTO THE WILL AT
THIS POINT.

Whahaha



I GET IT
ALREADY...



THERE'S A
MEETING
SCHEDULED IN
THE AFTERNOON
AND TRAFFIC'S
GONNA GET
PRETTY BAD IF
I DON'T GO
NOW.

FWIP
OH... IF OUR
BUSINESS IS
DONE, I HAVE
TO GET BACK
TO WORK.



HEY, AND... YOU
HAVEN'T TOLD
YOUR LITTLE
LADY YET,
HAVE YOU?



MAKE THAT YOUR
TOP PRIORITY.
YOU'D BETTER
HURRY UP AND
LET HER KNOW
BEFORE ANY
DRAMA STARTS.



YEAH...



"ASK HER
TENTATIVELY"?

WON'T SHE BE
SUSPICIOUS?

I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO FIND
THE RIGHT
MOMENT TO.



WAIT FOR AN
OPPORTUNITY,
THEN! IT'S
PROBABLY THE
SAFEST WAY FOR
YOU TO GO.

BRING UP AN
EXAMPLE OR
TWO AND BEAT
AROUND THE
BUSH A LITTLE,
STUFF LIKE
THAT.



TO SEE WHAT
OPINIONS YOUR
PARENTS HAVE ON
THE SUBJECT
ITSELF...

YOU CAN
PROBABLY TELL
BY WATCHING
THEIR BODY
LANGUAGE AND
LISTENING TO
WHAT WORDS
THEY USE.

IF THEY
HAVE A NEUTRAL
OUTLOOK AND
DON'T OUTRIGHT
REJECT IT, I
DON'T THINK IT'D
TAKE MUCH FOR
THEM TO ACCEPT
IT EVENTUALLY.



OH... HEY,
AND I GOT A
COUPLE NEW
SINGLES A
WHILE BACK...
YEAH, YOUR
FAVORITE
BAND!



WUUNNA COME
OVER TO MY PLACE
TONIGHT TO LISTEN
TO THEM? YOU CAN
STAY OVER AND
WE CAN HEAD
TO CLASS
TOGETHER IN
THE MORNING.



YEAH!
YEAH, OKAY,
SEE YOU.







I'M STAYING OVER
AT HER PLACE
TONIGHT!
AND TOMORROW
I'LL HEAD STRAIGHT
BACK TO THE DORMS,
SO YOU DON'T HAVE
TO TIRE YOURSELF
OUT DRIVING ME
THERE!



YOU'VE ONLY
SPENT ONE
NIGHT BACK IN
THE HOUSE...
I STILL HAVEN'T
STOPPED
MISSING YOU
YET.

ANWW, BUT
SCHOOL ALREADY
STARTS BACK UP
TOMORROW! AND I
HAVEN'T SEEN ICE
SINCE THE BREAK
STARTED...
PLEEEAAASE?



HUH... YOU
WATCH THESE
TEEN SOAP
OPERAS TOO,
MOM?

OH,
THIS?

I WATCH IT
ON AND OFF...
PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN TALKING
ABOUT IT,
ESPECIALLY
THE YOUNGER
GENERATION!



THIS IS PRETTY
EASY FOR ME TO
WATCH. IT'S FUN!
KIDS THESE DAYS
CAN GET SO
ROWDY, HAHA.

I WANTED A
CHANGE OF PACE -
I GOT SICK OF
THOSE POST-NEWS
DRAMAS. I HAVE
TO SAY, THIS
IS PRETTY
ENTERTAINING.



UH...



AND WHAT...
DO YOU THINK
ABOUT GAY
PEOPLE? OR...
PEOPLE WHO
LIKE THE SAME
GENDER?

LIKE... DO YOU
THINK IT'S WEIRD
IF TWO MEN OR
TWO WOMEN LOVE
EACH OTHER?
SOMETHING...
LIKE THAT...?



HM...?



DO YOU THINK...
THAT IT'S RIGHT
FOR ONLY MEN
AND WOMEN TO
GET INTO A
RELATIONSHIP?

WHAT...
DO YOU THINK
ABOUT THE
SUBJECT...?



I DON'T SEE
ANYTHING
WRONG
WITH IT.



YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN TWO GENDERS, EVEN WAY BACK IN THE PRIMITIVE TIMES.

HUH?

IT WAS US, HUMANS, WHO DECIDED TO MAKE IT A RULE FOR ONLY MALES AND FEMALES TO GET TOGETHER.

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE... THAT'S VERY COMPLICATED AND DELICATE.

I WAS A "TEENAGER" ONCE TOO, YOU KNOW

TO ME, DON'T... "GENDER", "SOCIAL STATUS", "AGE", AND "ACADEMIC BACKGROUND"... DON'T INDICATE FOR SURE WHETHER OR NOT A PERSON IS "GOOD".

IT ISN'T HARD TO FIND SOMEONE "FITTING", BUT FINDING SOMEONE WHO TRULY LOVES YOU AND WOULD BE WILLING TO STICK BY YOU THROUGH THICK AND THIN... THAT'S A REAL CHALLENGE.







AS LONG AS
THEY'RE A GOOD
PERSON WHO
LOVES YOU AS
MUCH AS YOU
LOVE THEM...

YOUR HAPPINESS
IS A PRIORITY,
REGARDLESS OF
WHICH GENDER
THEY ARE.



I'LL LOVE THEM
AND CARE FOR
THEM JUST AS
MUCH AS I DO
FOR YOU.



ANYWAY,
INTRODUCE
THEM TO YOUR
FATHER AND ME
SOMETIME WHEN
YOU HAVE
SOMEONE.

H-HEH!
ME? IN A
RELATIONSHIP?
THAT'S A
BIT OF A
STRETCH,
MOM...!

OH, AND I DIDN'T
WANT TO SAY THIS...
BUT I DID HAVE
SOME TOMBOYS
FOLLOWING ME
AROUND AND
FLIRTING WITH ME
BACK IN MY
YOUNGER DAYS
TOO.

WAIT,
REALLY?
YOU NEVER
TOLD ME
THAT!

OF COURSE
I DIDN'T. WHAT
WOULD YOUR
FATHER THINK?
ANYWAY, BACK
THEN...



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